

**CONTROLLED ACCESS TO SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS AND/OR DATA****Abstract**

A system (400) for controlling access to or distribution of software and/or data among a plurality of client nodes (401), the system (400) comprising a store (402) for storing software that is to be made available to pre-determined client nodes (401), together with a list (407) of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies one of the pre-determined nodes, and a client application at each client node (401) that is configured to identify whether the unique identifier (404) for that node (401) is included on the list (407) and install or run the software only if it is.